

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as set forth in the claim listing below:

1. (currently amended) A protective device for drink cans, ~~of the type intended to be placed on the ensuring cleanliness of an~~ upper base of a can, ~~characterized in that it consists in comprising:~~

a thin body (1) having ~~advantageously~~ a discoidal shape and ~~made from~~ comprising an easily deformable material, provided ~~on~~ in its periphery with a number of radial notches (2) which radial notches are substantially angular in shape, and a number of curvilinear cuts (3), concentric with the edges of the body disk (1) and arranged between the radial notches (2), defining peripheral areas (7) which peripheral areas can be arranged by flexion below an the upper rim (6) formed on an the upper portion (5) of a the cylindrical body (4) of a can.

2. (new) A protective device for cans, comprising:

a thin body (1) comprising an easily deformable material, having in its periphery a plurality of radial notches (2) which radial notches are substantially angular in shape, and having a plurality of cuts (3) substantially concentric with edges of the body (1), said cuts being arranged between the radial notches (2),

wherein said radial notches and said cuts define peripheral areas (7) of the thin body that can be arranged by flexion below an upper rim (6) formed on an upper portion (5) of a body (4) of a can.

3. (New) The protective device for cans of claim 2, wherein said thin body comprises a discoidal shape.

4. (New) The protective device for cans of claim 2, wherein said easily deformable material comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of cardboard, plastic and metal.